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### WHY NOT NOW?

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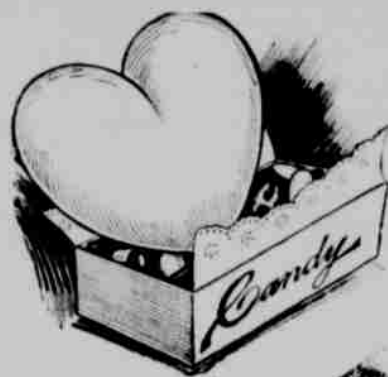
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## East Window

### CLEAN UP!

You cannot afford to let your house get dusty, when for 39c you can get a quart of "Oil of Cedar" furniture polish. We are giving this price as an introductory inducement only, and this sale will close on October 25th, after which time this polish will be sold at regular prices.



## Your Heart is in the Right Place

It is in your gift, when your gift is a box of our perfect Candy. If you want her to know your heart goes with it send her this delightful package of unsurpassed sweets and witness her pleased surprise.

**SPECIAL**

### Chili Con Carne - 20c

Our Specials are always appreciated by the most fastidious.

## DeLuxe Candy Co.

STATE STREET

## OUR MEALS

Have no equal in the city for the price and everything is served clean. We specialize in lunches and parties.

## The Paris Cafe

East Superior Street - ALMA, MICHIGAN

## Automobile Factories Will Turn to Munition Plants

BY

JANUARY 1ST, 1919

Mr. Auto Owner:-

To be protected you should repair, rebuild, and repaint your car and keep it insured against fire, theft, and liability.

When the committee call on you to purchase War Savings Stamps or Liberty Bonds or to contribute to the Red Cross, you should not make the excuse that you have had your car burned or stolen, or lost money through a lawsuit brought against you on account of an auto accident, when you can keep protected against these losses for a few dollars, and keep prepared to do your bit. Do not wait until you purchase a new car, but insure today in a company with a membership of over 35,000, and a surplus of about \$70,000, also a fire proof building in which to keep your records, with up-to-date equipment with which to give you service.

This is no time to insure in a small company without surplus. Insure in a safe company that was organized and developed before the war.

Cost is only \$1.00 for policy and 25c per H. P.

## Citizens Mutual Auto Ins. Co.

HOWELL, MICH.

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-1f  
Smoke the best. Wanigas.—64-1f  
Victory Bread, best by test. 65-1f.  
CLEAN UP. See the adv. at the top of this page.—adv.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 62-1f-c  
High grade pianos for sale at Grinnell Bros., 305 Woodworth. 61-1f  
Mrs. Mary Bailey of Saginaw is visiting here at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Clara Ferris.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-1f

Don't forget the Eastern Star benefit 500 party at the Masonic Temple Thursday evening, October 24. Fifty cents a couple.

Mrs. M. J. Kellogg of Detroit, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Scattergood, returned to her home this morning.

Miss Ruth Dunham, who is teaching this year in the high school at Lafayette, Indiana, returned to Alma Saturday, the schools in that city having been closed because of influenza.

Word was received last night to the effect that Ed. Foote, a former Alma college athlete, who went into the service last spring had died of Spanish influenza in one of the southern training camps.

The Woman's club will meet Monday, October 21, with Mrs. Moore, 815 State street. The club has voted to hold a meeting the third Monday of each month, with a program for discussion of topics of the day. The remaining Monday afternoons of the month will be spent at the Red Cross room, doing Red Cross work, as was done last year.

### PROPOSED CHARTER

Final Chapters of Charter for Commission Form are Given.

The closing chapters of the proposed charter for the commission form of government in Alma takes up waterworks, lighting, the fire department, franchises, public library, plats, amendment and revision of city charter, and the schedule by which it shall go into force if adopted by the voters in November.

The charter in chapter 33 gives the city the power to acquire by purchase, or to construct, operate and maintain, either independently or in connection with the water works of the city, works for the purpose of supplying the city and inhabitants thereof, or either, with gas, electric or other lights under such conditions as are contained in the chapter. Whenever the commission shall deem it expedient to acquire works for the purpose of supplying gas, electric or other lights, it shall have the power to take such action as is necessary to accomplish the purpose. It shall direct the city manager to estimate the cost thereof and submit to the electors of the city. Power to borrow up to five per cent of the assessed valuation is given to the city for such purposes, if the voters at an election give a three-fifths vote in favor of the project. The commission will have the power to borrow up to five per cent of the assessed valuation for repairs, etc., after purchase.

The commission is also given the power in this chapter to contract for the supplying of gas, electric lights, etc., for a period not exceeding ten years.

Chapter thirty-four deals with the fire department and gives the control of the department to the commission. It will have the power to establish and enforce regulations to guard against the occurrence of fire and protect property and persons of the citizens against fire and accidents therefrom. It will have the power to appoint the necessary officers and men for the department, etc.

The commission will have the power to appoint all fire wardens that may be deemed needed, and from time to time may establish fire districts in such parts of the city, where it is deemed that districts are needed, and in these districts wooden buildings shall not be erected or placed, enlarged or repaired. The building, placing, enlarging or repairing of such buildings in fire districts may be declared nuisances and may be removed by the commission under the laws of the state. Upon proper authority, which shall consist of the opinion of two commissioners or the mayor and engineer, buildings may be torn down to arrest the progress of fire, the damage therefore to be determined by a jury.

Chapter thirty-five, which deals with franchises, provides that no franchise shall be granted which has not received a three-fifths vote of the electors voting thereon. Franchises granted to public utilities shall contain a provision that the city may at

any time have the right to purchase the property, including the franchise, at a price to be agreed upon or determined by provisions included in the franchise. It is provided that right of purchase shall not apply to railroads, other than street railroads. No franchise may be granted for a period longer than thirty years, and no exclusive franchise shall ever be granted.

In chapter thirty-six the city is given the power to establish and maintain a public library and reading room, and may levy a tax not to exceed one mill on the dollar annual on all taxable property, which shall be known as the library fund.

In chapter thirty-seven the city commission is given the power conferred upon cities under the general laws for the recording of town plats, etc.

The amendment and revision of the city charter is taken up in chapter thirty-eight. The chapter may be revised in the following manner: first, when the legislative body of the city shall by an affirmative vote of four of its members-elect, declare for a general revision thereof; or second, when an initiatory petition therefor shall be addressed to and filed with the city clerk. It is provided that any amendment to the charter may be proposed by a three-fifths vote of the membership-elect of the commission or by initiatory petition, and that such proposition shall be submitted to a vote at the next general, primary or special election.

The schedule for the charter is given in chapter thirty-nine which provides that it shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection at the November election. If approved it is provided that it shall become in full force on the first day of February for the induction into office of the supervisors-elect, and that for the assessment rolls, etc., it shall be in full force and effect on the second Monday in April, 1919. It provides that all other provisions shall be in full force on the first day of May, 1919.

### ALMA WOMEN IN WAR WORK

Mrs. J. E. Collins, Com. of National Defense  
Mrs. Ezra Smith, Sec. of Red Cross

The Junior agents for the fall clean-up will be at your home with a receiving bag, Friday or Saturday. You are to keep it one week and on Friday, the 25th, it will be collected.

Although workers are needed at the Red Cross room, it is best that you do not come if you have the slightest indication of a cold. There is a large quota of the dark blue blouses and dresses to be finished. And more necessary still are the dozens of handkerchiefs and quilts to be sent to our own boys at Camp Custer. If you can not possibly come to the room, make them at home and send them to the room to be packed. Come on now and respond promptly.

### OBITUARY

Herbert Downs, a highly successful farmer living near Elwell died Sept. 26, 1918. He had been in poor health for the past four or five years, but had only been confined to his bed for a couple of days.

Mr. Downs was born June 9, 1857, in Hancock county, Ohio.

In 1882 he was united in marriage to Sarah Trout and to this union was born three children, William, dying in infancy, VanCleave and Christopher both of Elwell. With his family he moved to Gratiot in 1893.

Mr. Downs' surviving relatives are the widow, two sons, one sister and one grand daughter.

Mr. Downs was a life long Republican, fraternally he was affiliated with I. O. O. F. lodge at this place, and one of the most interested workers. In his family, social and fraternal circles he will be profoundly missed. Mr. Downs never failed to do his bit when called upon.

Funeral services were held at the church Sunday afternoon. The services were largely attended by members of the I. O. O. F. lodge and his many associates in other walks of life and the casket was taken to its final resting place literally buried with flowers.

G. B. PORTER



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Corn Meal, Corn Flour, Barley Flour, Rye Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Oat Flour, Rice Flour, Potato Flour, Sweet Potato Flour, Peanut Flour, Bean Flour, Kaffir Flour, Milo Flour and Feterita Flour and Meals may be purchased as substitutes.

All of the above, except Rye Flour, must be used on the basis of at least 1 pound of substitute to every 4 pounds of pure wheat flour. Rye Flour must be used on the basis of at least 2 pounds to every 3 pounds of pure wheat flour.

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